

High Holidays Attendance Policy

Now is the time to make your plans for the High Holidays. Rosh Hashanah, the New Year, begins Sunday evening, September 8, and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, begins with Kol Nidre, Tuesday evening, September 17. (A complete schedule, starting with Selichot in the CSZ synagogue on Saturday, August 31, appears on this page.)

Most of the services will be held again this year at the beautiful Unitarian Center (Franklin and Geary streets), with evening services in the main sanctuary reserved exclusively for CSZ members and their invited guests. Everyone else will be directed to the chapel or the Martin Luther King Room, where sound from the main sanctuary will be piped in and CSZ volunteers will officiate. Once again, a ticket system will be used for evening services to ensure comfortable seating and avoid overcrowding in the sanctuary.

Members may request *one ticket for themselves per service*, as well as *one guest ticket* for each service they attend.

This year, the congregation's Va'ad approved a significant change in policy for guest tickets. In order to avert a budget crisis such as the one we faced this

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New Year 5752

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav will welcome and celebrate the New Year 5752 during High Holiday services at the beautiful sanctuaries of the Unitarian Center at Franklin and Geary streets, and at our own synagogue. Rosh Hashanah, the New Year, begins on Sunday evening, September 8, and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, follows nine days later, beginning with Kol Nidre on Tuesday evening, September 17.

In our tradition of lay leadership and community involvement at Sha'ar Zahav, our High Holiday services will be led by various members of the Ritual Committee, with participation from throughout the congregation in readings, chants, blasts of the shofar, and Torah cantillation. In addition, members of our synagogue will be delivering the daytime sermons.

Below are some of the logistical details that you may need now for your planning. Be sure also to read related articles in this issue concerning the 1991 ticket policy and the Shofar blowing class. The September *Forward* will have more High Holiday details and will include information on Sukkot and Simchat Torah observances.

Wheelchair Accessibility

The Unitarian Center is wheelchair accessible, but has extremely limited

handicapped parking on the street. Please notify the synagogue office two weeks in advance if you will need assistance in entering through the special wheelchair entrance.

Signing at Services

We will be pleased to provide signers, as needed, for the hearing impaired at any service. Please call the synagogue office two weeks in advance to schedule this.

Child Care

Plans for child care at the Unitarian Center are underway. This year, *advance reservations and payment will be required* in order to guarantee a space, avoid overcrowding and understaffing, and enable us to have separate child care areas according to age. Please call either child care coordinator Diana Buchbinder (282-2059), or High Holidays co-coordinator Carolyn Pines (532-9661) to reserve a space and help us plan for your needs. *Deadline for child care reservations is Friday, August 23.* No one will be turned away for lack of funds; however, you may be asked to contribute in other ways to help defray the cost of child care.

Children's Services

Special daytime High Holiday services for children will be held concurrently with the adult daytime services

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Oseh Shalom at the 12th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews. (More photos on page 5)

CCAR, Future Rabbis, and Published Writers

This summer marks the first anniversary of the historic vote by the Central Conference of American Rabbis to call for the acceptance and integration of openly lesbian and gay rabbis into our movement. Many people had the idea that there were no gay and lesbian rabbis until now (or they were sure they had never met one) and certainly confident that there were no gay and lesbian rabbis who had come out. As we well know, since Creation there have been gay and lesbian people, since Abraham and Sarah there have been gay and lesbian Jews, and since Sinai there have been gay and lesbian rabbis. Our member Eric Weiss, ordained in 1989, was the first rabbinic student admitted and ordained as an openly gay person.

The past year has been one of excitement as well as disappointment. The actual document accepted by the convention last June still relegates gay and lesbian Jews (along with Jews who are single, divorced, or infertile) to second-class status. Nonetheless, the primary message of the statement—and what the press and the rest of the world heard—is that the Reform movement accepts openly gay and lesbian people as rabbis. That acceptance has been less embracing than we might have hoped. Immediately after the convention, one rabbi sent a postcard to every Reform rabbi, seeking to gain votes for overturning the vote. Since he was not heard from again, I can only assume his effort did not receive much support. Nonetheless, this action and numerous newspaper columns, editorials and sermons from every point of the Jewish compass have criticized the decision.

This spring, an informal network of gay and lesbian rabbis sent a letter to the Jewish press around the country in support of the CCAR resolution. The letter was signed with eight names, and an additional 21 signatories requested anonymity. The letter was well-received and inspired a new cycle of extensive press coverage on the situation of gay and lesbian rabbis. Even if progress from the wider Jewish community is not as rapid or as steady as we would like, the once taboo subject has been broached in every quarter of the Jewish world.

To its credit, the president and administration of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

have implemented the CCAR resolution in word and spirit. HUC-JIR is the seminary of the Reform movement, training rabbis, cantors, educators, and Jewish communal workers. One-half of our congregation's dues to the Union of American Hebrew Congregation go to support the College-Institute. While gay and lesbian rabbinic students still must make decisions about confidentiality and privacy in order to avoid discrimination once they are ordained, they no longer need to fear for their safety as students.

The College-Institute this year actively welcomed applications from openly gay and lesbian students. Sha'ar Zahav has a distinguished record of training and supporting its members, several of whom have gone on to HUC-JIR and other institutions. Now our members can rightfully share their pride in being associated with CSZ and not fear that disclosing their home congregation will be a basis for discrimination or exclusion. This fall, CSZ will have *four* of our members actively studying for the rabbinic—an enviable record for the largest of congregations, let alone a young and relatively small one. One of our members will be completing the final two years of the rabbinic program at HUC-JIR in New York. We will be welcoming home our beloved Leslie Bergson, who successfully completed her first year in Jerusalem. Finally, we are rightfully proud of Stuart Feinhor and Lina Zerbarini, who were admitted to HUC-JIR and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical School, respectively. They left for preparatory years in Israel at the end of June. Our blessings and heartfelt *mazel tovs* go with them.

One of the "distinguishing qualities which sets us apart" is CSZ's commitment to member participation in all aspects of religious life. One example is responsibility for High Holiday sermons, which are shared by myself and members of the congregation. Each year, two members of the synagogue put a tremendous effort into preparing a sermon which explores an important dimension of our rich spiritual tradition. While the congregation has long appreciated these extraordinary efforts, this past year we received wider recognition as well. Last year's High Holiday

sermons were given by members Susan Sobel-Feldman and Lori Ubell, as well as by myself. I am pleased to report that all three have had their sermons accepted for publication in national magazines! A version of Susan Sobel-Feldman's sermon on God will appear in a forthcoming issue of *Reform Judaism*, the national magazine of the Reform movement. Lori Ubell's modern midrash on Sarah and the binding of Isaac was published in *Hadassah* last fall and my sermon on parenting and our community appeared as "Be Fruitful and Multiply" in the spring 1991 issue of *Out/Look*, the national gay and lesbian quarterly.

—Rabbi Yoel Kahn

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All newsletter copy should be typed, double-spaced and is due no later than the date of the Va'ad meeting. It should be sent to the synagogue office, marked to the attention of the *Forward*. All material is subject to editing; material will not be returned.

Members of the Newsletter Committee are Howard Blechman, chair, Leonard Brill, Ellen Murland, Irene Ogus, Alita Rosenfeld, Lane Schickler and Robin Leonard (general editorial and production), Michael Bettinger (photographer), Rick Wilson (advertising coordinator), Frank Hyman, Alex Ingersoll, Sam Thal, Lin Turner, Eli Weinstein and Ron Wilmot (distribution). The *Forward* is typeset by David Lester, Mouse Type Inc., and printed by Lou Greene.

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Classified Ads are \$5 for up to 20 words, plus \$1 for each 10 additional words. No personals accepted.

Payment must accompany ad and should be sent to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, 220 Danvers at Caselli, San Francisco, California 94114, marked attention *Forward* advertising. The advertising deadline is the second Monday of the month. The *Forward* reserves the right to reject any ad for reasons of taste.

Our Children's Future

Exciting plans are in the works for the coming year for children's activities at Sha'ar Zahav. These include services conducted by Kadimah students, the possibility of neighborhood-based family chavurot, the continuation of special holiday programming and the inauguration of regular parent meetings.

A highlight of the new program is a proposal for monthly Saturday morning services conducted by Kadimah (religious school) students. These services will be a chance for all members of the congregation to become more connected with the children of CSZ. In addition, conducting services will allow Kadimah students to put into practice the Torah study and liturgy they have been learning in Kadimah. Younger children will be welcome to attend, and can become familiar with the synagogue in a child-centered context.

The children's services, which will replace one Kadimah class each month, will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat with an opportunity for socializing.

Children's Chavurah programs for major holidays will continue to be planned in conjunction with the synagogue-wide events. Chanukah, Purim, and High Holiday programs have been valued over the years and these traditions will, of course, continue.

However, a new direction for the Children's Chavurah is the option of forming smaller chavurot based on geography or children's ages, for Shabbat dinners and similar events. A computerized listing will be made available to all parents and interested members. New members with children will be able to connect with other families in the congregation as soon as they join.

Kadimah is now entering its fourth year as a weekly Saturday morning program, encompassing Hebrew language instruction, Torah study, holiday activities and participation in the community. This year, for example, Kadimah students participated in a Passover service at the Jewish Home for the Aged and prepared holiday greetings and supplies for recent immigrants from the Soviet Union.

Kadimah has been remarkably successful in meeting the needs of a diverse group of children despite its relatively limited resources. One problem we are now facing, as the older children im-

prove their ability to read Hebrew, is that there is not adequate time to study Hebrew language in the Kadimah format. A proposal is being explored to involve congregational members in teaching students during the week, at mutually convenient times, overseen by a curriculum coordinator.

The new programs were planned by a group of parents who agreed to keep meeting quarterly to discuss child-related activities in Sha'ar Zahav. In addition, there will be ongoing coordination of children's activities in the congregation, planned by representatives of Kadimah, the Children's Chavurah and the childcare coordinators for congregational events. Besides coordinating programming for children and families, the parent meetings and representative group can take up other issues relating to the involvement of children in the congregation (for example, a modification of the dues structure to incorporate dependents is currently being proposed).

Our congregation now includes more than 50 children, ranging in age from

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New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained several new members and friends in May and June. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Peter Ahman-Talmon

Sara Haber and Diane Snyder

Michael Ravitch

David Bianco

**Tony Chambless-Hall and
Michael Gregg**

Craig Gotfried

**William Herzberg and
Judith Marantz**

Janet and Jordan Seldon

Sydni Bender Rozenfeld

Amy Perlmutter

Michael Lobel

New members are welcomed and honored at Friday night services on the last Friday of the month. By making them feel a part of our family, we can all help to show our new members that they have a valuable place at Sha'ar Zahav.

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Fiscal Year In Review

Sha'ar Zahav's 1990-91 fiscal year has come to a close, so now is an appropriate time for taking a look at where we have been. For much of the past year, the synagogue's financial well-being has been discussed at length, not only at Finance Committee meetings throughout the year, but also Va'ad meetings and at meetings of the congregation. Most recently, at the Annual Congregational Meeting in June, CSZ passed a new budget for fiscal year 1991-92. We have seen a year of continued, though difficult, growth and change.

New computer software has improved accounting and budgeting for the synagogue membership, which has grown to approximately 525 members, with women for the first time becoming a majority of the adult members. The average cost per member of keeping our synagogue's operations continuing smoothly has increased to over \$400 per member. As the synagogue has grown larger, so has the need for increased revenues just to keep pace with existing programs and services. Even before the fiscal year was half over, the Finance Committee alerted the CSZ leadership that a crisis would occur if cost-saving and revenue-generating measures were not taken to recognize and deal with a projected \$20,000 deficit (following on the heels of the previous year's nearly \$10,000 deficit). This news, though unwelcome, was the impetus for some arduous yet productive discussions and deliberations on our financial future.

To cope with the synagogue's financial difficulties, proposals to cut costs (such as the newsletter and office staff) and to change our dues structure were brought to the Va'ad and the congregation. At a special meeting of the congregation held in January, we approved proposals not only to establish a tiered dues structure, but also to adopt a one-year special assessment to bring in about \$15,000 in revenue to the General Fund. All of our members have been asked to make new membership dues pledges, and we need everyone's cooperation.

In addition to adopting the new dues structure, CSZ members also voted at the annual meeting to make the new Dues Committee, which had been established at the January meeting of the congregation, a permanent standing

committee to implement CSZ's new dues structure and dues policies. (Previously, the treasurer had nearly all of the responsibility for recording pledges and dues payments and for following up on delinquent dues payments.) Now members of the Dues Committee share with the treasurer the responsibilities of implementing our dues structure.

Although much has been accomplished in the last year, the coming year will be a crucial one for Sha'ar Zahav. In addition to cost-saving measures, CSZ must find new sources of revenues and maximize the potential of our existing fundraising opportunities. Guest tickets for High Holiday services are one such opportunity, and such new revenues, if received in sufficiently large amounts, can enable us to increase office staff to better meet the continuing needs of the congregation.

The Finance Committee needs new members to continue monitoring the monetary health of our synagogue and to advise the CSZ leadership on the congregation's fiscal matters. If you are interested in joining the committee, you are encouraged to come to the next meeting of the Finance Committee, which will be on Thursday, July 18, at 7:30 pm, at the home of Brett Trueman (please call the office for the address).

—Ben Schalit, Finance Committee Chair

Ensemble Notes

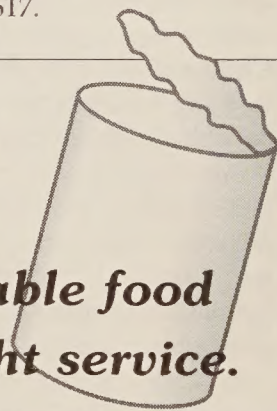
After seven years as Ensemble director for Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, Dana Vinicoff has chosen to pass on the baton. Dana's many contributions to our synagogue life are deeply appreciated and will certainly continue. We also would like to thank the many dedicated volunteers who have sung in our Ensemble over the years. We are planning a special Shabbat service and oneig in their honor this fall.

We are pleased to announce that Jose-Luis Moscovich has agreed to serve as music director for the Ensemble. Jose-Luis conducts the San Francisco Jewish Folk Chorus and the San Francisco Camerata Orchestra and Women's Chorus.

We need more voices! So as not to miss a beat in preparation for the High Holidays, auditions for the High Holiday Ensemble will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday, July 10 and Thursday, July 11 in the CSZ library. If you have basic music reading skills and/or choral or group singing experience, please come to an audition. Rehearsals for the High Holidays will begin the week of July 15 and continue weekly up to Erev Rosh Hashanah (Sunday, September 8). For more information, please call Steve Weitz at 550-6617.

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Shofar Blasts

Every Friday night service during the month of Elul (which begins this year in mid-August) will include a blast of the shofar, reminding us that the Yamim Nora'im (the Days of Awe) are approaching. And, of course, there will be plenty of shofar calls during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur themselves.

If you have always wanted to blow the shofar at services or have even just been interested in how it is done, this is your year! Marion Trentman, one of Sha'ar Zahav's seasoned trumpeters, is organizing a series of instructional sessions. The class will be held in the CSZ Library over three meetings: August 1, August 7, and August 14. (Note change of date of first meeting since announcement in June Update.)

If you are interested in taking the class, call Marion at 837-1179. And if you are interested in purchasing your own shofar, call Scott Mezistrano at 681-1714 by July 15. According to Marion, it is easier to learn when you are used to the characteristics of a particular shofar. And your own shofar will make it possible for you to participate in the Tekiah Gedolah (final blast) at the end of Yom Kippur.

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at the Unitarian Center. On Rosh Hashanah, the service will begin at 10 am in the small chapel. Parents are asked to attend and participate in the service with their children. Later in the day, children will especially enjoy the picnic and Tashlich service at Fort Point. On Yom Kippur, the children's service will also be held at 10 am in the small chapel.

Environmental Sensitivities

A section of the chapel at the Unitarian Center will be designated "chemically free." Your cooperation is requested in reserving this section for those who are environmentally sensitive. Please sit in this area only if you are not wearing colognes or perfumes, and do not have the scent of tobacco, etc.

Reading of Names at Our Yom Kippur Yizkor Service

We read the names of deceased family members and friends of Sha'ar Zahav members whose names are on the synagogue's Yahrzeit list. This includes

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12th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews



San Francisco Supervisor and CSZ member Roberta Achtenberg



Keynote speaker Paulette Goodman, president of PFLAG.



Belinda Gannon, president of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations



CSZ member Rabbi Eric Weiss



At the podium (from l. to r.): Barrett Brick, executive director of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations; Allan Gold, new president of CSZ; Merry Lusk, outgoing president; Marc Mencher and Robin Leonard, co-coordinators of the conference.

Contributions

Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions, of all sizes, to mark any event, and to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Forward* unless requested otherwise.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past months by the following contributors:

General Fund

We encourage donations to the General Fund in particular to help offset our budget deficit.

Arthur Lee, on behalf of his co-worker and friend, Conrad Reny

Betty Kalis, in memory of Rose Jacobstein
Sherry McVicker, Terry Baum and C.

Myers, in honor of David Hyman and William Mannings's kiddushin

Rabbi Robert Kirschner, in honor of Dan Bellm and Rabbi Yoel Kahn

Jonathan Funk and John Arnold, in honor of Eric Keitel's 35th birthday

Mimi Epstein

Jane and Jonathan Mesinger, in memory of the yahrzeit of their mother, Doris Mesinger

Jonathan Funk, in honor of Robin Leonard and Marc Mencher and the entire conference committee

Lawrence Neff, in memory of Jack Jacobs

Harold Parker, in memory of Ida Parker

Ralph Vissell, in commemoration of his lover Claude Wybrecht's yahrzeit

Jeffrey Miller, to honor and thank all the people who were supportive during his recent illness

Judy Schwartz and Caroline Pines, in honor of Yoel Kahn and Dan Bellm's kiddushin

Al Baum, in honor of Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Dan Bellm's kiddushin

Edward Pollock, in honor of the 10th anniversary of Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Dan Bellm

Nina Raff and Annie Winters, in honor of the rabbi's services

Sonya Guttman, in honor of the kiddushin of David Hyman and William Manning

Jonathan Funk and John Arnold, in honor of Marty Aron's becoming a partner in

his law firm

Alex Ingersoll and David Stein, in honor of the new career moves of Sharyn Saslafsky and Catherine Dodd

Harold Podgur, in memory of his mother Mollie

Allan Berenstein, in commemoration of his grandmother Pearl Berenstein's yahrzeit

Paul Cohen and Bob Gutterman, in memory of Seth Charney's mother

Mike Rankin, in celebration of the aliyah of the Beta Israel from Ethiopia to Israel

Jonathan Funk and John Arnold, in honor of the birth of Douglas Jordan Wachter

Gail Friedlander, in honor of Robin Leonard's wonderful coordination of the conference

AIDS Fund

Harold Podgur and Jerry McFadden, in honor of Arnie Jackson's birthday and retirement

Rabbi Michael and Hannah Barenbaum, in honor of Yoel Kahn and Dan Bellm's kiddushin

Tom Yazman, in honor of Arnie Jackson's 38 years of happy flying

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Betty Kalis, in honor of Phyllis and George Mintzer's 48th anniversary

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Eli Weinstein, in memory of Jim Perkins

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Jonathan Funk and John Arnold, in honor of Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Dan Bellm's kiddushin

Don Albert, in honor of Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Dan Bellm

Betty Kalis, in honor of Yoel and Dan's 10th anniversary

Barry Seigel, in memory of his mother-in-law Miriam Dreskin

Carol Cohen, in memory of Annie Goldberg

Cemetery Update

News from Colma

The Cemetery Committee is pleased to announce that a new service is now available at our congregational cemetery at Sherith Israel's Hills of Eternity in Colma.

For those of us who elect cremation, our ashes can now be buried in a grave site which has been dedicated to that purpose. The site is at the center of our cemetery area and can be expanded to accommodate any number of members who decide on this option. Each individual site in the grave will be marked with a small bronze plaque. The cost for the entire service (including cremation and burial, but excluding the plaque) is only \$550.

The other options which have been available for cremation are still in place—purchase of a niche for placement of ashes outside our area, or burial of them in another's grave site (for example, if one partner elects burial and the other cremation).

Members and their families have purchased a number of grave sites at our beautiful cemetery. We encourage you to make "pre-need" arrangements, which will relieve those who survive you of responsibilities and decisions that can be very stressful at the time of a death. The cemetery brochure and further information are available through our office. Our friends at the cemetery welcome your visits and calls. Call Al, Wayne or Paul at 756-3633, and tell them you're from Sha'ar Zahav. They will be very happy to help you in any way.

—Richard Inlander

Condolences

To **Susan Foster** on the loss of her friend, Richard Summers.

To **Neil Neubarth** on the loss of his lover, Jack Jacobs.

To the congregation on the loss of its member, Jim Perkins, and to **Lane Schickler**, his lover.

To **Mike Rankin** on the loss of his friend, Jim Ogdie.

To **Rudolph Bean** on the loss of his lover, Marvin Steele.

To **Henry Mach** on the loss of his aunt, Bertha Feinberg.

To **Jody Reiss** on the loss of her great uncle, Carl Spitz.

To **Phil Charney** on the loss of his mother, Netta Charney.

Dr. Diane Sabin

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Ten Years of Accomplishment

This summer marks both the 10th anniversary of the AIDS pandemic in the United States, and the 10th anniversary of our synagogue's admission to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. We had many reasons for joining the UAHC in 1980, but who could have imagined that the most important reason would be Reform Judaism's response to the AIDS crisis, or that our congregation would play a central role in shaping that response.

In 1983, Mark Feldman, our first AIDS activist, established the Sha'ar Zahav AIDS Fund. The Women's Chavurah blood drive came shortly after. We were learning to reach out to each other, and we were helping other Reform congregations start their own AIDS programming. But nothing was happening on the national level in Reform Judaism.

Bruce Katz helped change that. Bruce urged us to take a resolution on AIDS to the 1985 UAHC Biennial in Los Angeles, one of the first attended by members of Sha'ar Zahav (and not coincidentally, the first to feature a workshop on gay and lesbian Jews). Our resolution called on the federal government to provide greatly increased funding for AIDS research and treatment, and for an end to discrimination against people with AIDS. It asked for compassionate outreach and care for those living with this terrible disease. UAHC leaders and convention delegates gave us all that, and more. They used the resolution as a vehicle to establish the Committee on AIDS of Reform Judaism. Now in its fifth year, the committee has written and provided educational materials to the rabbis and lay leaders of 850 Reform congregations in the United States and Canada. It created a panel for the Names Project Quilt, in memory of all Jews who have died of AIDS. Posters with photographs of the panel hang in synagogues, and in the homes and offices of AIDS researchers and health care providers all over the world. The committee had a booth and seminar at the Sixth International AIDS Conference in 1990, and was a sponsor of the International Mobilization Against AIDS in 1991.

At every convention since 1987, members of the AIDS Committee have offered workshops on AIDS, all well attended.

We've publicly honored and thanked Surgeon General Koop and Dr. Matilda Krim. This year, in Baltimore in November, the honoree will be Dr. Jonathan Mann, former head of the AIDS Section of the World Health Organization. Dr. Mann, a truly prophetic voice, speaks eloquently of the tragedy of AIDS in developing countries.

In 1989, the Central Conference of American Rabbis joined the UAHC in sponsoring the AIDS Committee. It's now co-chaired by Rabbi Joseph Edelheit, representing the conference, and by this writer, representing the union. Our committee has done important work. It's not inappropriate to remember with quiet pride that it all began with a Sha'ar Zahav resolution.

Reform Judaism has stood with us on other issues of critical importance to our community. The UAHC strongly endorsed the ordination of gay and lesbian Jews as rabbis, as it endorsed the ordination of women nearly 20 years ago. Its publications, including materials used in our religious schools, are gay affirming, insisting that prophetic Judaism and homophobia are incompatible.

Our movement has publicly and vigorously opposed discrimination against gays and lesbians wherever it is found, including the military. This June, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the UAHC, sent a letter to President Bush calling for an immediate end to discrimination against gay and lesbian members of the armed forces of the United States. When we demand justice for gay people, on this matter and others, the leaders of Reform Judaism are at our side. They take seriously the message of our Passover Haggadah: until everyone is free, no one is free.

Three years ago I became the first openly gay Jew elected to the Board of Trustees of the UAHC. That distinction quickly passed, as others already on the board came out, and took their seats beside me. The "Friends of Dorothy Dinner" for gay and lesbian Biennial delegates and our friends and families has grown from a furtive meal at McDonald's in Los Angeles to a large sit-down dinner planned for Baltimore this November, with the date and time (if not the attendees) listed in the con-

vention program book.

That's what the last 10 years have been like for Sha'ar Zahav and our sibling congregations in the UAHC. We can look back with satisfaction on what we've accomplished, gay and non-gay Jews working together to mend a troubled world, knowing full well that there is much left to do. We haven't completed the task—but neither have we left it unbegun.

—Mike Rankin

High Holidays 1991-5752 Service Schedule

Clip and save! The September Forward will have a more complete version. All services will be held at the Unitarian Center (1187 Franklin at Geary in San Francisco) unless otherwise noted.

Selichot

Saturday, August 31

9 pm at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

Rosh Hashanah, First Day

Sunday, September 8

7:30 pm, Ma'ariv

Monday, September 9

10 am, Shacharit, Musaf, and Children's Service

1:30 pm, Seudat Mitzvah

(festival meal) at Fort Point

3 pm, Tashlich at Fort Point

Rosh Hashanah, Second Day

Tuesday, September 10

10 am, Shacharit and Musaf at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

Yom Kippur

Tuesday, September 17

7:30 pm, Kol Nidre

Wednesday, September 18

10 am, Shacharit, Musaf and Children's Service

3:30 pm, Minchah

5 pm, Yizkor, Neilah and Havdalah

Loan Guarantees

In early September 1991, the government of Israel will ask the United States government to approve a package of loan guarantees to Israel—\$2 billion per year for five years—to assist the Jewish state in absorbing the massive influx of Soviet immigrants.

ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America, urgently requests members of Reform congregations to write their senators and representatives and to request that they support the loan package. Approval of the package is a matter of utmost urgency for the State of Israel.

The current economic climate and tensions between the American government and Israel on political issues are likely to make passage of the loan package difficult. Securing approval of the loans will require nothing less than a massive mobilization of the American Jewish community.

In your letters, you may wish to stress the following points:

- Helping Soviet Jews is a humanitarian issue, and should be kept separate from other political issues in the Middle East.

- The U.S. Congress and administration played a major role in bringing about the immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel, and their arrival in Israel is an important American foreign policy success story. However, those who have fled Russia to seek freedom in Israel must now be absorbed if this foreign policy miracle is to be completed.

- Israeli citizens are bearing most of the burden of absorption. Their government has allocated \$6 billion for these purposes next year, more even than the allocation for the defense budget. As a result, Israeli citizens are paying some of the highest taxes in the world.

- Many countries—including Israel—have routinely asked the United States for loan guarantees. These are neither loans nor aid. The United States is being asked to co-sign a loan to the State of Israel from a commercial lender. The cost to the American taxpayer is very small—only a few percentage points of the loan guarantee amount. Substantial American spending would be required only if there were to be a default, but Israel has *never* defaulted on a loan.

- By approving the loan guarantees,

Congress will be building on the work that it has already done for Soviet Jewry. Having achieved the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate from the Soviet Union, it is only logical and humane that the United States should help Israel provide the immigrants with housing and jobs. The loan guarantees are a vehicle that enables the United States to achieve this goal at minimal cost to the taxpayer.

Please write your representatives *now*, urging their support for the loan guarantees when they are requested this fall. If you have any questions, please contact the CSZ Israel Chavurah chair, Ron Lezell, at 824-4449.

Address your letters as follows:

Senator Alan Cranston
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Senator John Seymour
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Your Representative's Name*
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

**Representative Nancy Pelosi, Barbara Boxer, George Miller, Tom Lantos, Tom Campbell (as appropriate for your district)*

Oneg Sponsors

During recent months, onegs were sponsored by the following generous people:

- 4/19 Cherie Pies, in memory of Lynn Campbell
- 5/3 Betty Kalis
- 5/17 David Hyman and William Manning, in honor of their kiddushin
- 5/31 Sarah Comerchero, commemorating her mother's yahrzeit
- 6/7 Nina Wouk, in honor of the safe return of Peter Bourghesie from the gulf, and the safe arrival of Faye Wouk in Auckland, New Zealand, to take up her new position as professor at Auckland University

All you have to do to sponsor an oneg is to think of the occasion and contact the synagogue office (861-6932). The cost of sponsoring an oneg is \$50. You can also provide the food, flowers, etc. for a more personal touch.

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Birthdays

- 7/1 Susan W.
- 7/6 Kiva Tal Adler
- 7/6 Steven Berlin
- 7/7 Betty Kalis
- 7/8 Ben Schalit
- 7/9 Steven Elman
- 7/10 William Schlichter
- 7/10 Pamela Ruskin
- 7/11 Laurent Gasperini
- 7/12 Rochelle Wald
- 7/13 Lee Morrow
- 7/14 Isha Mayim
- 7/14 Steve Unger
- 7/15 Jason Dahlstrom
- 7/16 Peter Jay Rosenfeld
- 7/16 Alice Perlman
- 7/24 Alan Craig
- 7/26 Benjamin Morgan-Achtenberg
- 7/27 Patrice Goldman
- 7/27 Maya Kalia Hauer-Laurencin
- 7/28 David Levine
- 7/29 Jonathan Schwartz
- 8/1 Jenifer Dahlstrom
- 8/1 Ed L.
- 8/1 Tani Stone Thule
- 8/3 Jaclyn Eileen Blachman Forshay
- 8/4 Jonathan Funk
- 8/7 Robert Nacamulli
- 8/8 Sanford Ira Friedman
- 8/9 Allan Gold
- 8/13 Lonnie Weiss
- 8/15 Reuben Greenwald
- 8/16 Leland Vogel
- 8/17 Lynn Scarper
- 8/17 Laura Desiree M.
- 8/19 Paul Cohen
- 8/19 Dan Bellm
- 8/20 Sabra Saperstein
- 8/21 Kate Sharp
- 8/23 Frank Hyman
- 8/23 Rebekah Sutin
- 8/24 Alexander Weil
- 8/24 Joshua Shuster Lefkowitz
- 8/25 Sam Peskin
- 8/25 Noah Nacamulli
- 8/25 Adam Inlander
- 8/28 Marc Mencher
- 8/29 Stuart Feinhor
- 8/30 Shelley Spiro
- 8/31 Eric Rofes

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Naches

To **Amy Markowitz** and **Robert Wachter**, whose son Douglass Jordan Wachter was born on April 16.

To **Susan Gelmis** for becoming the new co-chair of BALIF.

To **Ron Lezell** for becoming the newly elected president of Northern California ARZA.

Building Committee

Chair Steps Down

For the past two years Jeffrey Miller has been chair of the Building Committee. If you attended the Congregational Meeting on June 2, you received a two-page list of projects on which the committee worked this past year. And that list was for just the last year!

The Building Committee is more of a "phantom" committee—not meeting at regular times and not requiring a heavy work commitment. When several projects accumulate, the chair will coordinate a work party and invite all those who have shown an interest to help. These work parties are announced in the *Forward*. For lesser projects at other times, just a few people may quickly get together to make repairs. Many times the office will just call Jeffrey and he will just run down and take care of a minor problem.

We have a beautiful, warm, solid building of which we can all be proud. By now, he knows every corner, every outlet, every pipe and every problem. But according to our bylaws, it is time for him to step aside. Fortunately for the congregation, there are other projects for him to move into.

Until a new chair is found, he will be making routine repairs and handling emergencies, but will not be taking on any new projects. And of course, Jeffrey will remain a member of the committee.

The congregation salutes Jeffrey Miller for his unstinting contribution in time and energy in making our building secure and pleasant. If you want to get involved now, please leave your name with the office.

Children's Future

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infants to those approaching bar/bat mitzvah, and it is a continuing challenge to meet the needs and interests of this varied group. We encourage the involvement of all parents, whatever the child's age, and are eager to involve non-parents as well. To implement our program, we welcome volunteers both to serve on committees and to take leadership roles. We need help with diverse tasks—coordinating child care for synagogue events, planning chavurah holiday programming, helping with the Saturday services, and tutoring Hebrew. If you are interested, please call Ida Kuluk at 531-6179.



Anniversaries

- 7/4 Robin Leonard & Lee Ryan
- 7/6 Sandra Blair & Carol Cohen
- 7/24 Milton Estes & Tom Steel
- 8/1 Leila Raim & Catherine Wisniewski
- 8/11 Ron Wolberg & Bruce Connell
- 8/12 Toby Sarah Dyner & Deborah Hamolsky
- 8/14 Allan Blumenfeld & Morris A. Woolfson
- 8/15 Jonathan Funk & John Arnold
- 8/18 Paul Quin & Steve Unger
- 8/20 Francie Hornstein & Ellen Peskin
- 8/23 Eric Keitel & Aaron Cooper
- 8/27 Steven Elman & Tom Holt

Women's Chavurah

Cool in the Pool

The Women's Chavurah invites all women to another fun-filled summer potluck and pool party! Reservations are a must, as only 30 women can be accommodated.

Date: Sunday, August 11, 1991

Time: 1–5 pm

Location: Marion Trentman's home, 275 Gil Blas Road, Danville.

Bring: A dish to share, as well as your own beverage, towels, etc.

RSVP: Ann Biderman (661-5168) to reserve space or for directions.

Synagogue Information

Rabbi Yoel Kahn

Officers:

President, Allan Gold
Administrative Vice President, Claudia Bernard
Program Vice President, Tiela Chalmers
Treasurer, Brett Trueman
Recorder, Kathy Simon

Va'ad (Board) Members:

Phil Charney
 Daniel Chesir
 Steve Elman
 Lisa Katz
 Ida Kuluk
 Jeffrey Miller
 Nathan Robinson
 Judy Schwartz
 Susan Unger

Office Personnel:

Manager, Mark Pressler

Committee Chairs:

Bikkur Cholim, by committee
Brotherhood, Eric Keitel
Building, by committee
Bylaws, Edward Pollock
Cemetery, Richard Inlander
Children's Chavurah, Aaron Cooper
Cookbook Project, Robin Leonard
Dues, David Stein & Ron Lezell
Education, by committee
Finance, Ben Schalit
Gift Shop, Jeff Rubin
Israel Chavurah, Ron Lezell

Long-Range Planning, Tiela Chalmers & Daniel Chesir
Membership, Judy Schwartz
Newsletter, Howard Blechman
Oneg, by committee
Past Presidents Council, Don Albert
Personnel, by committee
Public Relations, Sharyn Saslafsky
Rabbi Liaison, Aaron Cooper
Religious School, Ellen Gierson
Ritual, Larry Wexler
Social Action, Jonathan Mesinger & Lisa Katz
Social Program, Marc Mencher
Women's Chavurah, Ann Biderman

Office Hours: Mon. 8–5; Tues. 8–4:30; Wed., Thu. 8–2:30; Fri. 8–3. Phones will be answered Mon.–Fri. 10–2.

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second and last Saturday of each month at 10:30 am—check calendar for each month.

Library Hours: Open during office hours, and 30 minutes before and after Friday night services.

Gift Shop Hours: First and third Tuesdays, 3–5 pm; second and fourth Mondays, 7:30–10 pm; Fridays, 7:30–8:05 pm

Emergency Number: In an emergency, the Congregation can be contacted outside of office hours by calling 420-9718.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Mike Rankin, Allyce Kimerling, Liaisons) and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations (Eric Keitel, Liaison).

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th and Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th and Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

May and June Va'ad Report

The agenda for the May Va'ad meeting ranged from routine business to fundraising and preparation for the Annual Congregational Meeting in June. Tiela Chalmers served as recorder in the absence of Gail Friedlander.

Rabbi Kahn began by speaking about the concept of receiving the Torah in the wilderness. He noted that although modern Jews sometimes speak of going out into the wilderness (such as Yosemite) to find spiritual inspiration, an important part of the Jewish experience involves taking part in the Jewish community. Commentators have suggested that we received the Torah in the wilderness so that it would be accessible to us anywhere—in isolation or in the civilized world.

In response to items in the rabbi's report, the Va'ad approved several motions. The first was to allocate \$50 from the AIDS fund for membership in the Interreligious Coalition on AIDS. Another motion approved was to adopt the Horizon Foundation's "Responsible Non-Profit Management Guidelines" for lesbian/gay organizations.

At the request of the Membership Committee, the Va'ad passed a motion approving two individuals and one family for membership in the congregation. Ed Pollock of the Bylaws Committee led a discussion of the final bylaws changes to be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting, and they received final Va'ad approval. The Va'ad also approved several motions regarding the congregation's Long Range Plan. One was to incorporate suggestions made at the Mini-Advance on May 5, another to spend \$325 from the General Fund for printing 100 full copies for distribution to synagogue leaders and 300 shortened copies for distribution to the membership. The last motion was to authorize the Long Range Planning Committee to mail the shortened version to the congregation in the most economical way possible. Office Manager Mark Pressler's report contained suggestions for reducing telephone costs. After some discussion the Va'ad approved a motion to eliminate certain telephone services.

The treasurer's report was presented by Ben Schalit on behalf of Brett Trueman. Ben answered questions, and reported that the Dues Committee is continuing its efforts to get a response

from the 81 members who have not yet made dues pledges for 1991-92. Eric Keitel agreed to look into obtaining the highest possible interest rate for the certificate of deposit maturing next week. Ben also presented the final draft of the 1991-92 budget. The changes made after the April Va'ad meeting resulted in a net surplus of \$4,580, which will be used towards secretarial staff in the office. The Va'ad passed the budget as amended, to be presented at the annual meeting on June 2.

Claudia Bernard presented a proposal for fundraising at High Holy Days. When the change from open seating to a ticketing system was put into effect last year donations fell off dramatically. Claudia therefore proposed that members still be entitled to bring one guest to services, but that there be a suggested donation for each guest ticket. After considerable discussion the Va'ad passed a

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motion that guests of members be asked to make a suggested donation of \$40-60, with a low-income suggested donation of \$18, but no one be turned away for inability to pay. Claudia also presented an idea involving a Yizkor book, with non-members paying to have names listed in it. Claudia and Ben Schalit will explore this idea further based on the discussion at this meeting, and present it again.

Claudia reported that Eric Kamm will be logistical High Holy Days coordinator, working with Scott Mezistrano as ritual coordinator. The Va'ad agreed that ticket orders will be conditioned on receipt of the first installment of 1991-92 dues rather than the first quarter's dues, since some people pay monthly.

The June Meeting was the last for the current Va'ad, and Allan Gold, incoming president, began it by presenting flowers to outgoing officers and at-large Va'ad members. Rabbi Kahn then led us in D'var Torah by speaking about this week's Torah portion on a rebellion against Moses and his leadership. He spoke about how we go through the

process of transition and pass power to new generations of leaders at Sha'ar Zahav, and reminded us that a sign of strong leadership is the ability to share it and pass it on.

Shirley Liberman, who has coordinated our Passover seder for many years, came to the meeting for Va'ad approval to schedule next year's seder at the Fort Mason Officer's Club. Although some Va'ad members still had concerns because the club is administered by the Oakland Army base, the Va'ad approved the request based on accessibility and cost.

Brett Trueman reviewed the monthly financial statement and answered questions about the budget. Fundraising through the publication of a Yizkor book for High Holy Days was discussed again but deferred. A lengthy discussion was held about whether there were funds for a part-time secretary next year, and what our values and spending priorities are. The congregation will receive revenues from hosting the International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations over Memorial Day weekend which, combined with the expected surplus of \$4,580 already in the budget, is enough for a secretary. A motion was approved to allocate an additional \$4,500 to office staff so the Personnel Committee can recruit a part-time secretary.

Still dealing with financial matters, the Va'ad approved a motion to establish a "Friends of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav" category for people living outside the nine Bay Area counties who wish to support or remain affiliated with the congregation. This will be a tiered system, with tiers set at \$60, \$120, and \$180.

Moving on to other synagogue business, five individuals and three families were approved for membership. Two proposals were presented by the Social Action committee. The first was to set up a suspense fund to contribute to Operation Solomon—the rescue and resettlement of Ethiopian Jews in Israel; the second was to support AB101—prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Both proposals involve mailings to all members, and both were passed by the Va'ad.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm with a wistful singing of Oseh Shalom, followed by a brief closed session.

1 Monday 19 Tammuz	11 Thursday 29 Tammuz • 7pm, Bikkur Cholim • 7:30pm, Children's Education Committee	19 Friday 8 Av • 8:15pm, Shabbat Services, Mike Rankin and guest • 8:15pm, East Bay Service, 4015 Forest Hill Ave., Oakland, Dana Vinicoff	27 Saturday 16 Av • Jewish Film Festival, Castro Theatre • 10:30am, Shabbat Services, Dana Vinicoff
2 Tuesday 20 Tammuz	12 Friday 1 Av • 8:15pm, Shabbat Services and Installation of Officers, Rabbi Kahn, Daniel Chesir and Leslie Bergson	20 Saturday 9 Av	28 Sunday 17 Av • Jewish Film Festival, Castro Theatre • 10:30am, Kaiser Brunch, Kaiser Hospital
3 Wednesday 21 Tammuz	13 Saturday 2 Av	21 Sunday 10 Av	29 Monday 18 Av • Jewish Film Festival, Castro Theatre
4 Thursday 22 Tammuz	14 Sunday 3 Av	22 Monday 11 Av	30 Tuesday 19 Av • Jewish Film Festival, Castro Theatre
5 Friday 23 Tammuz • Leadership Advance • 8:15pm, Shabbat Services, Jon Funk and Susan Gelmis	15 Monday 4 Av • 6:30pm, Va'ad meeting	23 Tuesday 12 Av	31 Wednesday 20 Av • Jewish Film Festival, Castro Theatre • Shofar Blowing Class
6 Saturday 24 Tammuz • Leadership Advance	16 Tuesday 5 Av	24 Wednesday 13 Av	
7 Sunday 25 Tammuz • Leadership Advance	17 Wednesday 6 Av	25 Thursday 14 Av	
8 Monday 26 Tammuz	18 Thursday 7 Av • 6:30pm, Ritual Committee • 7:30pm, Trip to Israel meeting • 7:30pm, Finance Committee at home of Brett Trueman	26 Friday 15 Av • 8:15pm, Shabbat Services, Henry Mach and Susan Unger, Torah read by Scott Mezistrano	
9 Tuesday 27 Tammuz			
10 Wednesday 28 Tammuz			

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the names of those whose *yahrzeit* is regularly observed by the congregation, and the names of members' loved ones who have died in the past year. As a courtesy to members' guests and others visiting our synagogue during the High Holidays, we can also recall their loved ones.

To add a name to the list to be read at *Yizkor*, use the sign-up sheets available at the membership table in the lobby of the Unitarian Center on Rosh Hashanah. We ask that you submit names no later than the end of the first day of Rosh Hashanah.

Festival Picnic and Tashlich

Everyone is invited to our festival picnic, or *seudat mitzvah*, at Fort Point (directions will be provided) following Rosh Hashanah Musaf services. Later, at 3 pm, we'll hold a brief Tashlich service, which includes the ritual "shedding" of the previous year and the casting away of sins into the water. Israeli dancing will follow. Bring your own picnic; we'll provide the crumbs to cast away!

Second Day Rosh Hashanah Services

Will be observed in our own sanctu-

ary at 220 Danvers. Please note that we will not have a Second Day Ma'ariv (evening) service. Our Second Day observance will begin on Tuesday morning, September 10. These services are unique in their solemn yet informal nature. Being held in our own sanctuary gives them an added "hamish" feel.

Begin Your Year with a Mitzvah!

Volunteer to usher, help with onegs, set up the sanctuary, or lead the overflow services. Call our High Holiday coordinators: Scott Mezistrano at 681-1714, or Carolyn Pines 532-9661.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

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AUGUST

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אב-אלול

1 Thursday 21 Av

- Jewish Film Festival, Castro Theatre
- 6:30pm, Long Range Planning Committee

2 Friday 22 Av

- 8:15pm, Shabbat Services, Frank Masson and Larry Wexler

3 Saturday 23 Av

4 Sunday 24 Av

5 Monday 25 Av

6 Tuesday 26 Av

7 Wednesday 27 Av

8 Thursday 28 Av

9 Friday 29 Av

- 8:15pm, Shabbat Services, Scott Mezistrano and Nancy Snow

10 Saturday 30 Av

11 Sunday 1 Elul

- 12:30pm, Women's Chavurah swim party

12 Monday 2 Elul

- 6:30pm, Va'ad meeting

13 Tuesday 3 Elul

14 Wednesday 4 Elul

- 7:30pm, Newsletter editing, 1711 Castro

15 Thursday 5 Elul

- 7:30pm, Bikkur Cholim

16 Friday 6 Elul

- 8:15pm, Shabbat Services, Rabbi Kahn and Lyssa Friedman, Torah read by Frank Yellin

17 Saturday 7 Elul

18 Sunday 8 Elul

19 Monday 9 Elul

20 Tuesday 10 Elul

- 7:30pm, Newsletter proofing and layout, 1711 Castro

21 Wednesday 11 Elul

22 Thursday 12 Elul

23 Friday 13 Elul

- 8:15pm, Shabbat Services, Dan Chesir and Kathy Simon, sermon by Rabbi Kahn

24 Saturday 14 Elul

25 Sunday 15 Elul

- 10:30am, Kaiser Brunch, Kaiser Hospital

26 Monday 16 Elul

27 Tuesday 17 Elul

28 Wednesday 18 Elul

29 Thursday 19 Elul

- 6:30pm, Ritual Committee meeting

30 Friday 20 Elul

- 8:15pm, Shabbat Services, Ritual Committee

31 Saturday 21 Elul

- 10:30am, Shabbat Services, Ritual Committee
- 9pm, Selichot, Frank Masson and Kathy Simon

Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.

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past fiscal year, and in order to afford the outstanding quality services for which CSZ has become known, the congregation asks that a suggested donation be made with each guest ticket request—\$40–60 per service or \$18 per service for people whose incomes are in a lower range. As the sanctuary cannot accommodate a guest for every member, guest ticket requests will be honored on a first-requested, first-served basis. In keeping with CSZ's tradition of making our services as accessible as possible, no one

will be refused a ticket due to an inability to contribute. Members and guests who cannot afford to do so are invited to give extra donations to help people with limited incomes.

High Holiday tickets are one of the privileges of CSZ membership, and it is expected that any member requesting tickets has paid his or her 1990–91 dues pledge in full and at least the first installment of the 1991–92 dues pledge.

High Holiday tickets must be reserved via the "ticket request form" that ap-

pears in this month's *Forward*. Guest ticket donations should be sent in with the request, and all forms must be returned by August 2. Tickets will be mailed to members by August 16.

Please keep in mind that the ticket policy applies only to the two evening services. Everyone is welcome to attend daytime services in the main sanctuary (as well as various services outdoors and at the CSZ synagogue), for which no tickets are required.

HIGH HOLIDAYS 1991/5752 TICKET REQUEST FORM

- Must be received by CSZ office by August 2, 1991
- Please fill out a separate form for each CSZ member
- Mail to: Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, 220 Danvers, San Francisco, Ca 94114

All tickets will be mailed approximately August 16, 1991. If you have had a recent change of address, please notify the CSZ office immediately at 861-6932.

Individual main sanctuary tickets will be issued for:

Erev Rosh Hashanah (Ma'ariv)	7:30 p.m Sunday, September 8, 1991
Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)	7:30 p.m Tuesday, September 17, 1991

Tickets are not required for any other High Holiday Service, and tickets are not required for seating in the overflow rooms at any time.

MEMBER TICKET REQUEST

Every CSZ member is entitled to one "member" ticket for each of the Erev Rosh Hashanah and Erev Yom Kippur services. Your 1990-91 dues must be paid in full, and the first installment of your 1991-92 dues must also be paid.

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

_____ RH: I request a ticket for Erev Rosh Hashanah
_____ YK: I request a ticket for Erev Yom Kippur

GUEST TICKET REQUEST

In order to comfortably accommodate our congregation, each member is limited to requesting one "guest" ticket per service. **This year we are asking members to help defray the costs of our High Holiday Services and avoid any budget crisis by making a suggested donation of \$40 to \$60 per guest ticket. A donation of \$18 is suggested for those with low incomes. (No member will be refused a guest ticket due to an inability to make a donation).**

Guest tickets will be issued on a first-requested, first-served basis.

I plan to bring a guest to:

_____ Erev Rosh Hashanah	Guest Name: _____
_____ Erev Yom Kippur	Guest Name: _____

Enclosed is my total guest ticket donation of: \$ _____

I would like to help another member bring a guest.

Enclosed is my donation of: \$ _____

Please make check payable to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav and mark it "HH".

